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NEXT THURSDAY, NOV. 20, 2008
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READER COMMENTS ON THE WEB
A Collaborative Workshop
of Newspaper Editors and Media Lawyers
plus a lunch address on
“Change Now: How Newspapers Can Prevail in the Internet Age”

The New England Newspaper Association, (NENA) and New England Press Association (NEPA), along with the law firm of Prince, Lobel, Glovsky & Tye and prominent media lawyers from throughout New England, are offering the following half-day collaborative workshop.

WHAT: A half-day workshop discussing your newspaper’s **liability for reader comments** on your website, including:

- The current **state of the law**
- Examples of **reader-comment policies** of newspapers in New England and beyond
- **Practical discussion** of how newspapers have addressed such challenges as “gutter talk,” anonymity, subpoenas, spoofing, and online harassment.

We expect to spend approximately a third of the time discussing the **legal aspects** of reader comments and two thirds dealing with the **practical issues** editors and website administrators need to address when they allow reader comments.

PLUS: Luncheon featuring **Josh Benton**, founding director of the **Nieman Journalism Lab** at Harvard University, who will offer comments on:

- **“Newspapers Online and the Changing Journalist-Audience Relationship”**

WHO: This is meant to be interactive. Please come ready to discuss your paper’s experiences and questions. In addition, the expert panel will include:

- **Moderator: Richard C. Gagliuso** (Gagliuso & Gagliuso, Merrimack, NH)
- **Jim Bodor**, Director of Online, telegram.com (Worcester Telegram & Gazette)
- **Damon Kiesow**, Managing Editor/Online, The Telegraph (Nashua, NH)
- **Jessica Kosowski**, Online Editor, Attleboro Sun-Chronicle (MA)
- **David Olson**, Editor, The Salem News (MA)
- **David Ardia**, Director, Citizen Media Law Project, Berkman Center for Internet & Society
- **Rob Bertsche**, media lawyer (Prince, Lobel, Glovsky & Tye LLP, Boston, MA)
- **Discussion leaders:**
 - T. Barton Carter**, Professor of Communication and Law, Boston University
 - Peter J. Caruso Sr.** (Caruso Law Firm, Andover, MA)
 - Alan Neigher** (Law Office of Alan Neigher, Westport, CT)
 - Mary-Rose Papandrea**, Assistant Professor, Boston College School of Law

WHEN: Thursday, November 20, 2008
Continental breakfast 8:00 am
Workshop 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon
Lunch 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm

WHERE: Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, 10 Lincoln Square, Worcester, MA 01608.

Map: www.crowneplaza.com/h/d/cp/1/en/hotel/WRCCP/transportation

Directions: Take Route 90 (Mass Pike) to Exit 10 (Auburn). After the tollbooth, bear left at the fork. Take Route 290 East. Get off at Exit 17. Take a left at the top of the ramp at a set of lights. At the second set of lights at the bottom of the hill make a left onto Major Taylor Boulevard (formerly Worcester Center Boulevard). The Hotel is on your right.

HOW: Please sign up by Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2008 by emailing this completed registration form to rbertsche@PrinceLobel.com or faxing it to 617.456.8100.

HOW MUCH: \$25 for the first attendee from a newspaper (includes lunch)
\$10 for each additional attendee (without lunch), or \$25 with lunch.
You can pay at the door (cash or check) or by faxing this registration form with credit card information.

IMPORTANT REQUEST: As part of the program, we would like to hand out examples of policies/rules/terms and conditions that newspapers are currently using. If you'd like your newspaper's policies to be included in that group, please forward them to rbertsche@PrinceLobel.com.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM

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Newspaper name (or other affiliation): _____

Number of attendees: _____ Number attending lunch: _____

Name(s) of attendees: _____

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